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The Blind man, the Bald man and the Leper.

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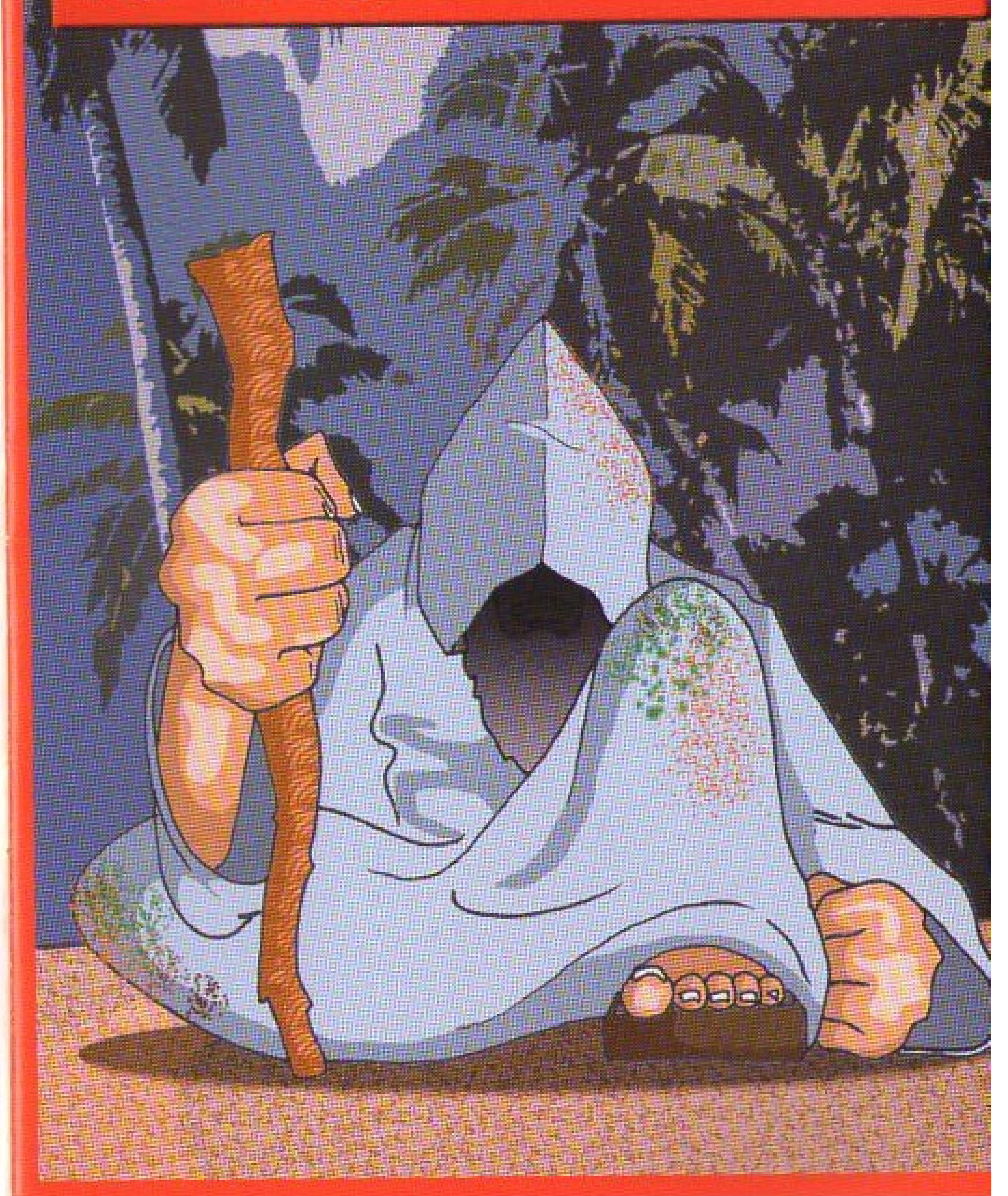
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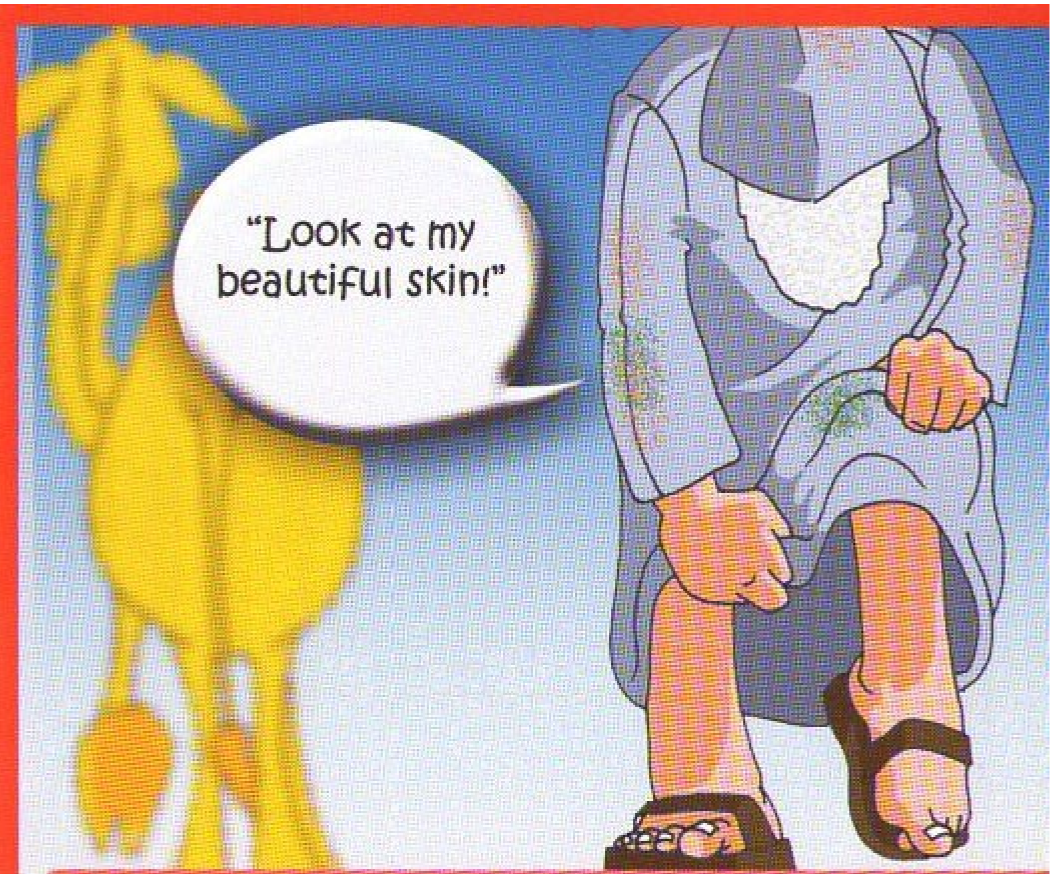
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Once upon a time there lived three poor men. One was suffering from a disease called leprosy. He had white marks all over his body. People didn't like him and were afraid to go near him incase they caught the disease.

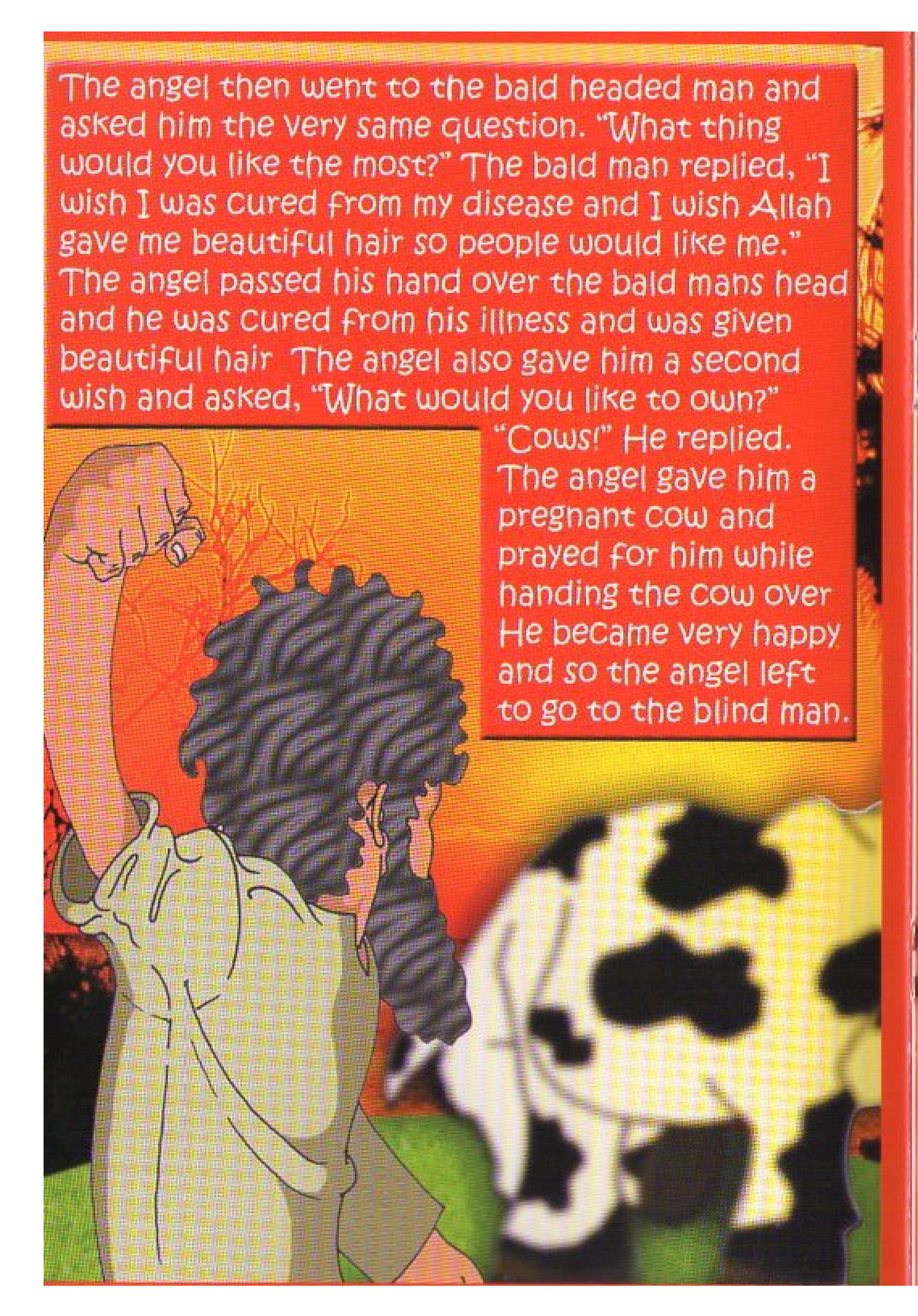


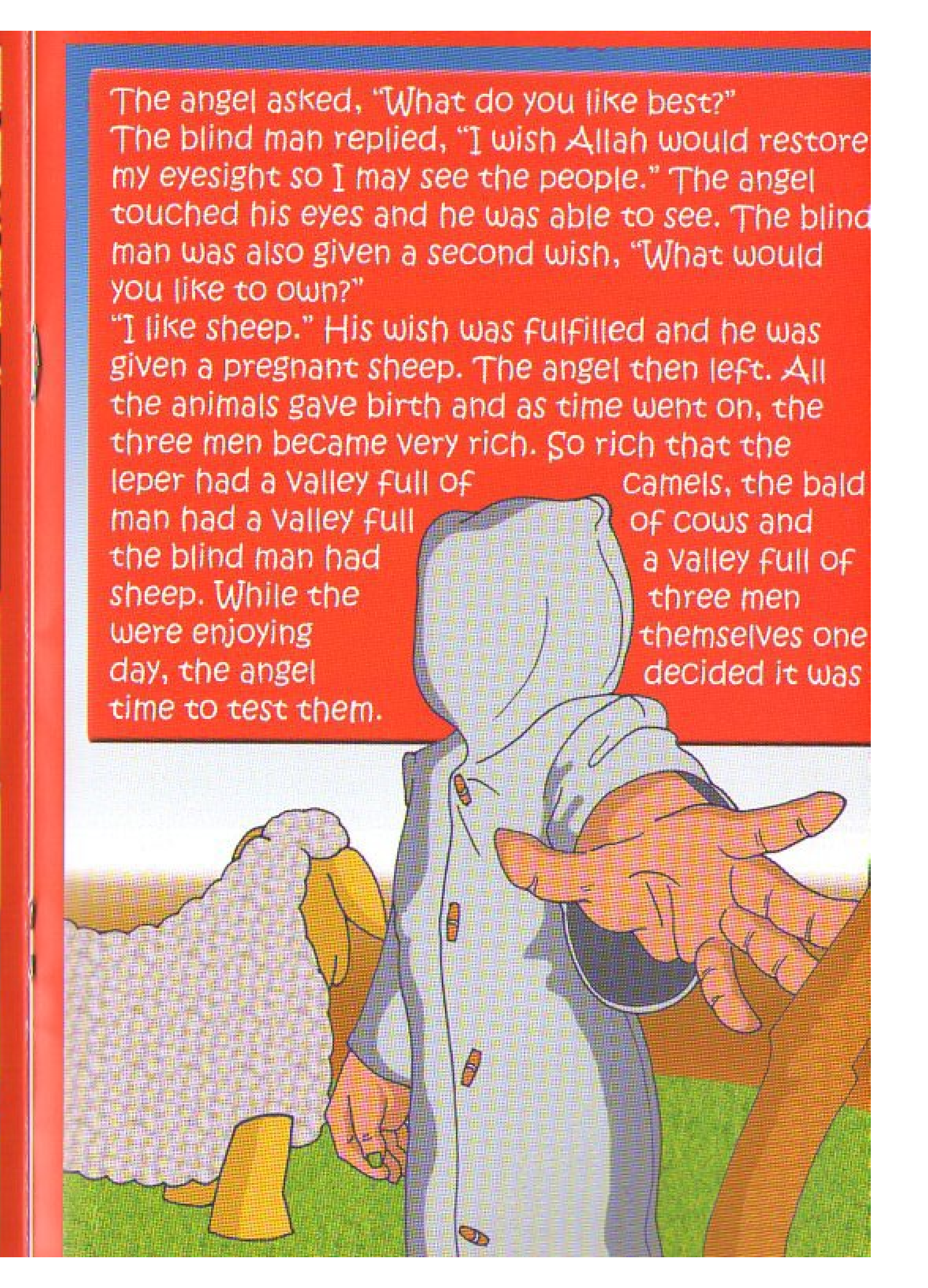


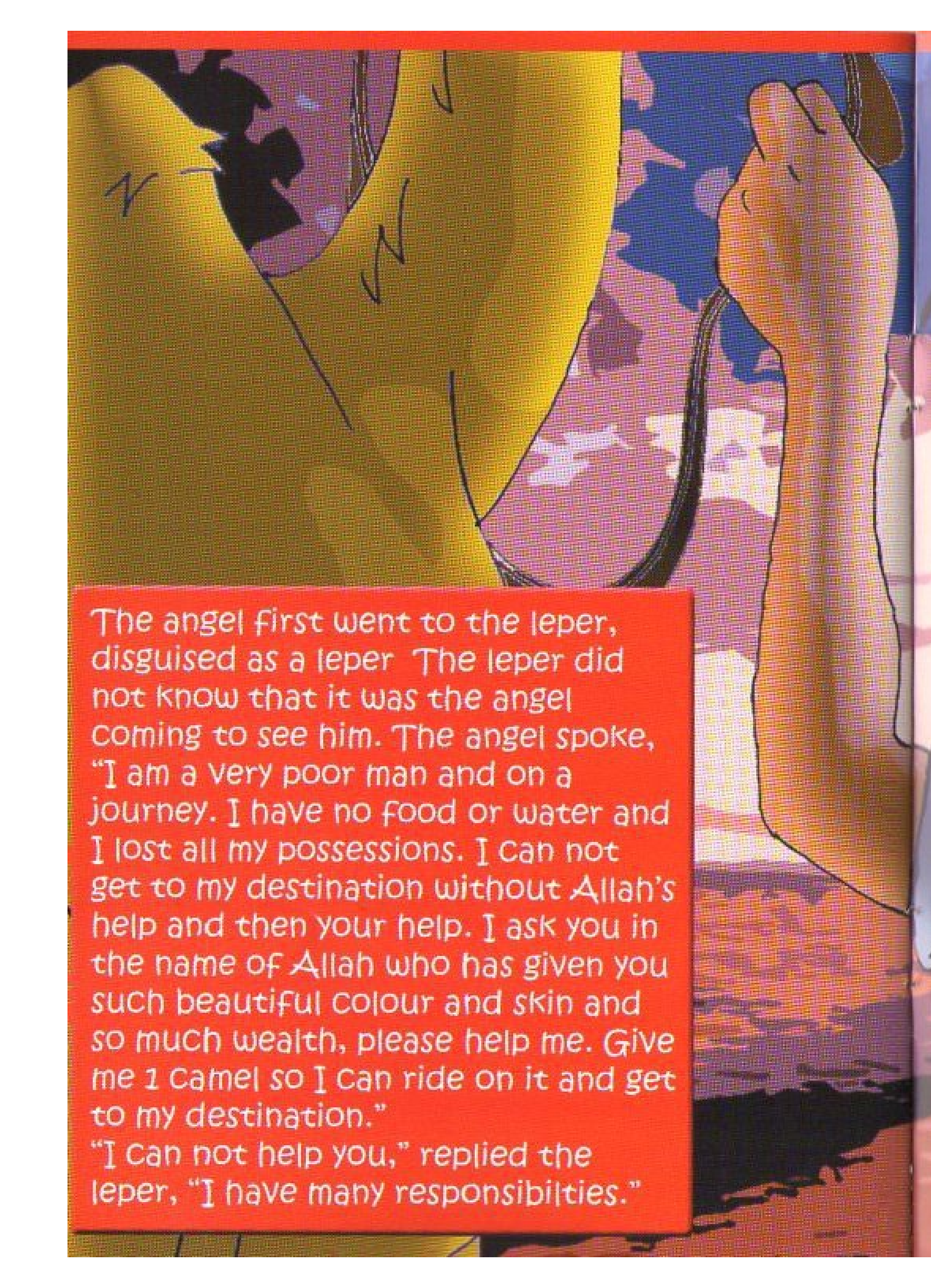
The second man was suffering from baldness. Hair would not grow on his head at all while the third man was blind. One day Allah decided to test the three men. He sent an angel to all of them one by one.

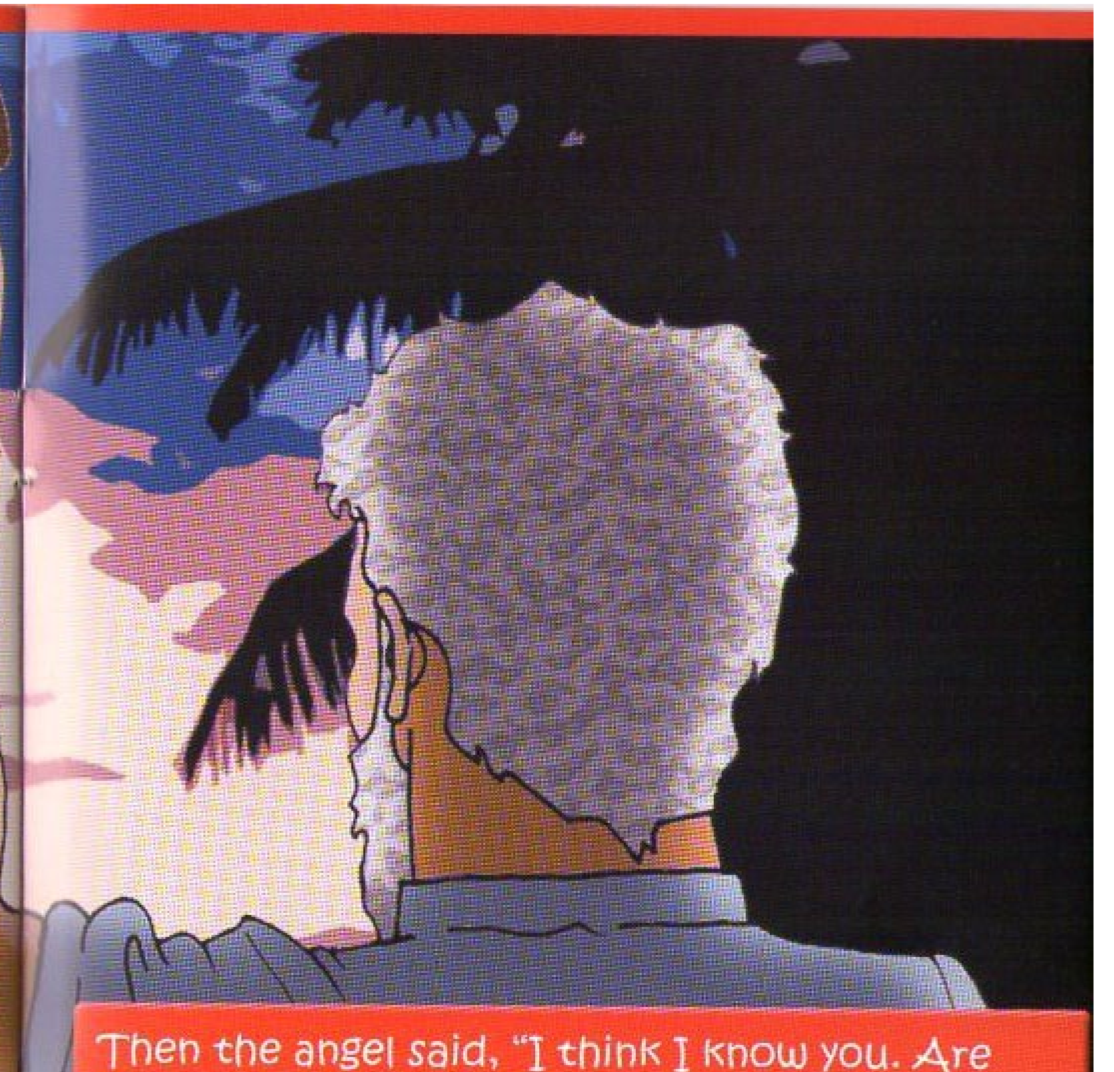


The angel first came to the leper and asked, "What would you like the most, wish for anything." The leper said, "I would like beautiful skin and that is what I wish for My skin has white marks all over which people do not like." So the angel touched him and in a second his illness was cured and he was given beautiful skin. The leper became very happy.
He was given a second wish. The angel asked, "What would you like to own?" He replied, "I like camels." His wish was fulfilled and he was given a she-camel and the angel prayed... "Allah bless you with it."


The angel then went to the bald headed man and asked him the very same question. "What thing would you like the most?" The bald man replied, "I wish I was cured from my disease and I wish Allah gave me beautiful hair so people would like me." The angel passed his hand over the bald mans head and he was cured from his illness and was given beautiful hair The angel also gave him a second wish and asked, "What would you like to own?"
"Cows!" He replied. The angel gave him a pregnant cow and prayed for him while handing the cow over He became very happy and so the angel left to go to the blind man.


The angel asked, "What do you like best?"
The blind man replied, "I wish Allah would restore my eyesight so I may see the people." The angel touched his eyes and he was able to see. The blind man was also given a second wish, "What would you like to own?"
"I like sheep." His wish was fulfilled and he was given a pregnant sheep. The angel then left. All the animals gave birth and as time went on, the three men became very rich. So rich that the leper had a valley full of camels, the bald man had a valley full of cows and the blind man had a valley full of sheep. While the three men were enjoying themselves one day, the angel decided it was time to test them.

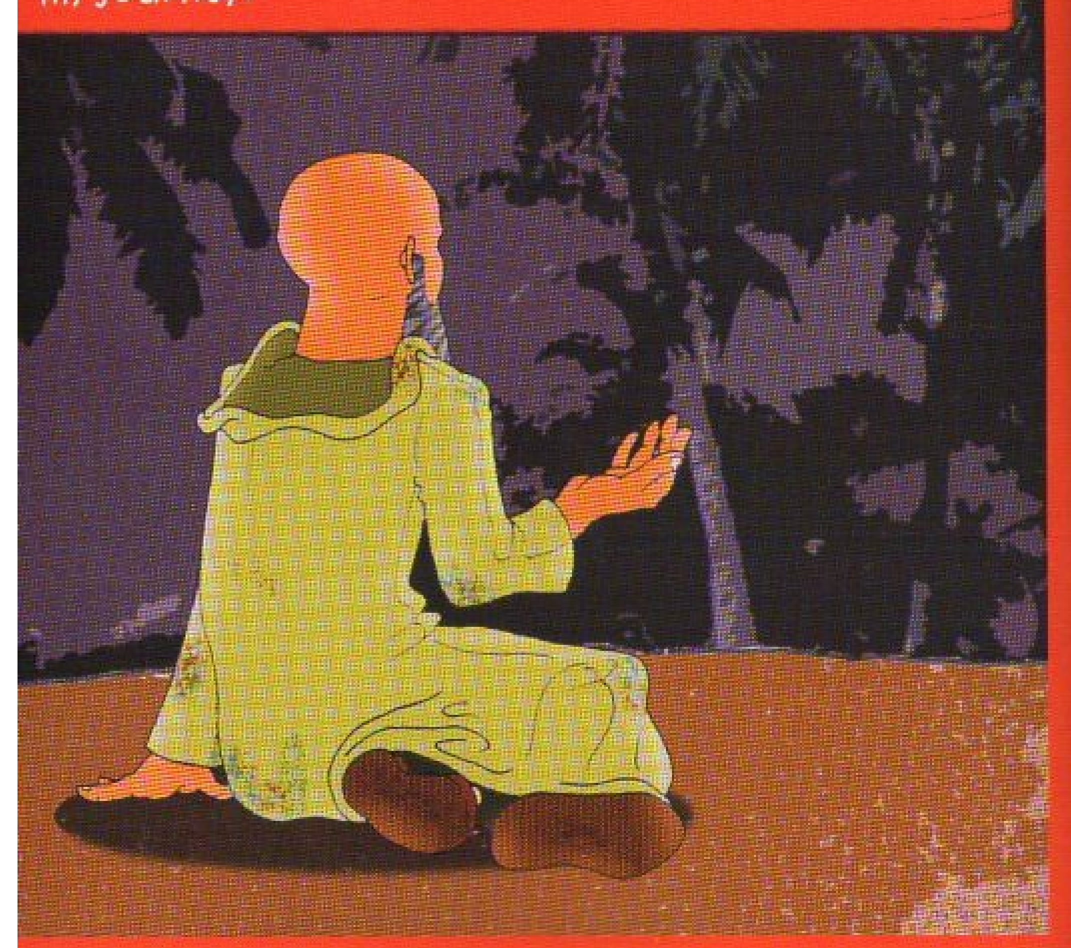

The angel first went to the leper, disguised as a leper The leper did not know that it was the angel coming to see him. The angel spoke, "I am a very poor man and on a journey. I have no food or water and I lost all my possessions. I can not get to my destination without Allah's help and then your help. I ask you in the name of Allah who has given you such beautiful colour and skin and so much wealth, please help me. Give me 1 camel so I can ride on it and get to my destination."
"I can not help you," replied the leper, "I have many responsibilties."

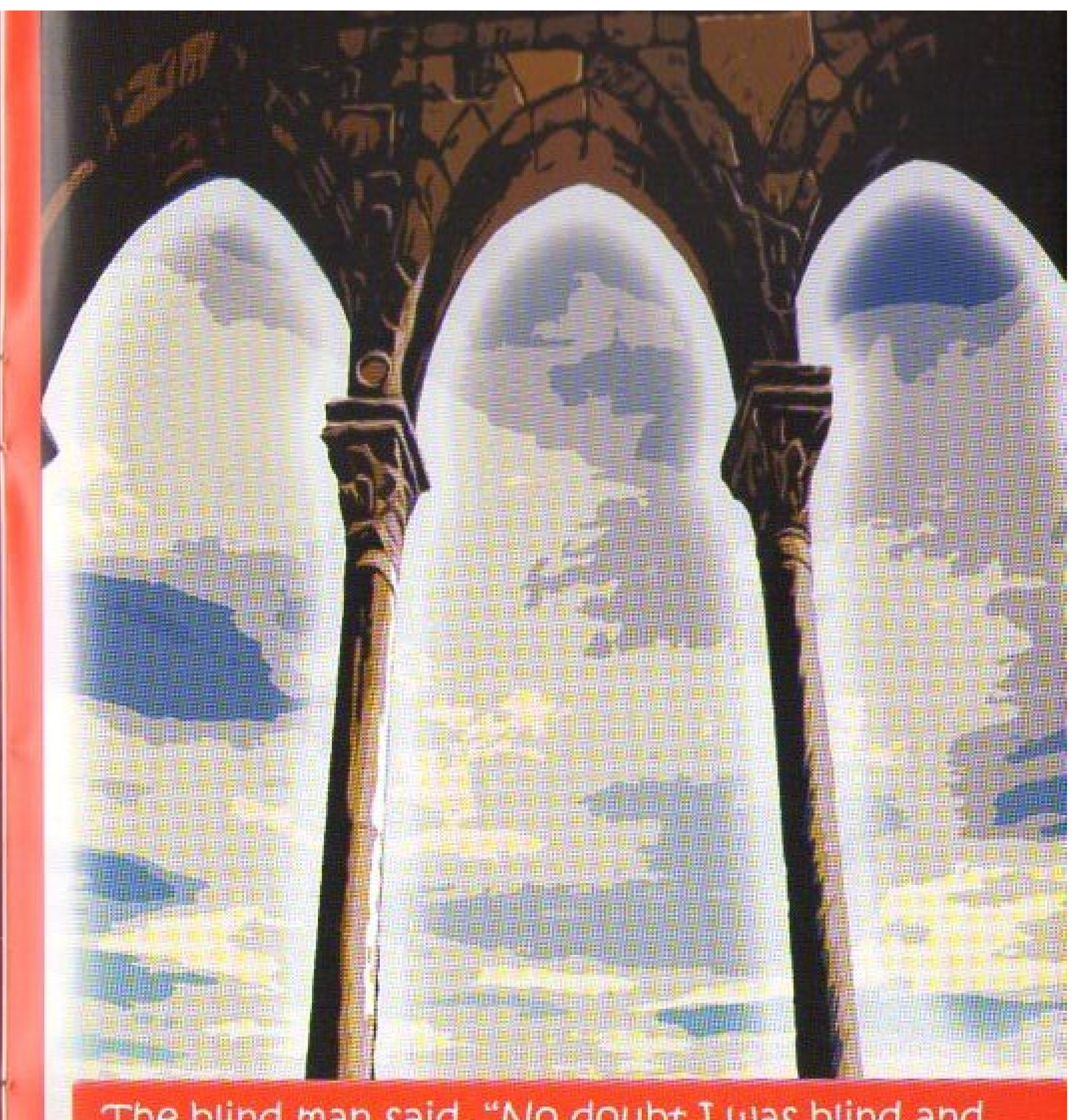


Then the angel said, "I think I know you. Are you not the very same leper who people did not like and then Allah gave you all this wealth?" The leper lied and said, "No, I inherited this from my forefathers!" The angel said, "If you are lying then Allah make you as you were before!" The leper lost his beautiful skin and all of his wealth.

The angel then went to the bald man in disguise and asked the same questions.

He too refused to help the angel and lied. The angel said, "If you are lying then Allah make you bald!" The man lost his wonderful hair and his head was once again bald. The angel then finally took the disguise of a blind man. The angel went to the third man and said, "I am poor and weak and have no food or water. I am on a journey and have nobody to help me except Allah and then you. I beg you in the name of Allah who gave you back your eyesight and all this wealth, please give me a sheep, so that with it's help I can complete my journey."





The blind man said, "No doubt I was blind and Allah gave me my eyesight. I was poor and Allah made me rich, so take anything you wish from my property." The angel then told the blind man, "Keep your property. All three of you have been tested and Allah is pleased with you and angry with them." The pious blind man kept his property whilst the others lost everything.